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Applicants : Roger D. Tung, et al.
Application No. : 10/786,997 Confirmation No. : 9030
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ASPARTYL PROTEASE

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's September 22, 2004 Restriction Requirement. With the extension, a response is due on or before December 22, 2004. A check in the amount of \$450.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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